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Subj: Proposed Jordan Lake Nutrient Strategy Rules

Dear Mr. Gannon:

As residents of Alamance County and the City of Mebane, my family and I are strong supporters of the proposed Jordan Lake Nutrient Strategy Rules. Specifically we believe that we should require that wastewater treatment plants upstream from the lake reduce nitrogen by 2011. The proposed rules would allow water treatment plants to wait until 2016 to make deeper reductions in nitrogen - and that's far too slow. Many cities have worked hard already to improve wastewater treatment--phosphorus reductions, and other improvements are in the works already and are scheduled to take effect by 2009.

We also believe that we badly need controls on polluted runoff from existing development. Scientific models show Jordan Lake will never be healthy unless runoff from current development is reduced. These controls consist of various sizes of biological and engineered filters that slow down the flow of rain water, filter out soil suspended in it, and allow natural processes to clean up the water before it flows into a stream. Improvements like "rain gardens" and other green measures will make our cities and towns more attractive to live in - and clean up local creeks as well.

We want strong rules now, and no more delays. We need to get on with the job of cleaning up Jordan Lake

Sincerely,

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